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INTRO. Who are the technocratists? "A group of scientists, technologists, engineers and other technical workers organized for the purpose of collecting and analyzing data on the physical functioning of the social mechanism on the Nrth America continent. Its methods comprise a synthetic integration of the physical sciences that pertain to the determination of all functional sequences of social phenomena."

I wonder how many prenest understand my statement whic is taken from Harper's. Prof.Poytness' lecture at S.J. Marion's remarks about it.

In The World Tomorrow a cartoon of a mechanical hen that had just laid an "erg" and clucking, "Tek-tek-tek-tek-technocracy!", and close be Mr. Public looking on with open-mouthed ~~wonderment~~ amazement, wondering of it was edible.

The technocratists are a group of men, scientists and otherwise, who are criticizing our industrial, economic and social system in a severe and radical manner, but as yet they have offered no concrete solution to our complex problem.

Now you willunderstand what I mean when I talk about the technocratists of organized religio

Whenever critics run out of things to criticise they generall turn on Xty or the Church. Many are saying the the church is dead and that Xty is dying. Well, the poor dead Church collects close to a half billion a year here in-America, maintains nearly 200,000 gropus of worshippers and carries on by far the largest ~~volunteer~~ work done by any other voluntary organization.

The church may well reply to such critics as Mark Twain did when it was reported that he was dead. Twain said that the report was greatly exaggerated. Oh, yes, here and there you will find a dead church and a dead Xty, but taking the whole country over, The Church and Xty are

are far from being dead.

Critics of Xty may be divided into three classes.

Some criticize Xty because of its ideas
Others are not in sympathy with its ethical teachings.
Still others dont like the kind of institution it has created.

I. Critics of the ideas of Xty.
   I. Some allege an incompatibility of science and the Xn religion.
      a. Second-hand dealers in scientific ideas would do away with the Xn religion
         Wells, Dorsey, Robinson.
         They are rendering a real service to to humanity by popularizing the findings of science, but they err in their conclusions regarding religion.
      b. The real scientists who work in the laboratories of investigation and research do not think science and religion incompatibl
         The scientists of Great Britain only a few months ago met in a church and one of their number conducted a service of worship.
         These men hold that science has not abolished the mystery of the universe, but on the other hand has increased it. Science has not made the idea of God impossible, but on the other hand, science has made the idea of God necessary, more necessary than ever.

      c. Then there are the critics of the Bible and theology. Personally, I thank God for their work because they have brushed aside much of the false in our conceptions of the Bible and its doctrines.
         Robt. Ingersol thot he was destroying Xty

3. He only purified it by compelling many to re-examine their fundamental ideass Who could preach, today, a hell full of babies that missed predestination? -But Ingersol was brot up on that kind of thing.

II. The popular criticism that is ethical.
The wets against the Church for dabbling in politics.
Male and female sex perverts who practice unmentionable vices and read sex filth from many news stands hate the teachings of the Xn church.
Some of them pose as psychologists and oppose"sex repression" as they call it, because the beautiful ideal of family life as Jesus gives it to us interferss with their liberties.
I predict that they will become the laughing stock of the world after Russia does its experimenting just a while longer.

Some business men object to the church as interfering with their business.
One such told his pastor to "Preach the Gospel" "What Gospel?" asked the minister. The parable of the Rich Young Ruler, the parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus, or The Rich Fool?"
Xty is indeed uncomfortable to some business men. It teaches about money and riches in a radical way. When a man declares that the Church is interfering with his business, he had beeter examine his business. So much the worse for that kind of business.

III. Then some critics attack the Church as an institution.

Now, I'll admit that the Church as an institution is not perfect and not above criticism

Sectarianism in the church may well be regretted, causing a competitive effort where there should be whole-hearted co-operation.

Nor is the governmental machinery of the church above criticism.

Yes, there are hypocrites andthe Church. They were brot in from the outside world where you will find the greatest number of them. Yes, and some superstition lingers in some parts of the church, even yet.

But listen, there is another side to the Church

In every congregation can be found men and women whose lives have been greatly enriched and strengthened. In the Church can be found millions of children learning the rudiments of religion and morality. They might be better taught, it is true, but God help America if this should stop and nothing take its place! The Church teaches reverence, sobriety, honesty, truthfulness, integrity as no other institution does.

Be the Church ever so faulty it has in it programs of service and helpfulness which keep it going and growing.

IV. The critics of the Church either want no religion or a new religion.

No religion has never worked. I doubt if it will work even in Russia. Man is incurably religious. The nation that loses its religion loses its life.

Wait until Russia raises a generation that has never had any religion. Then see what you will have.

4. IV.

A New Religion? America has put forth efforts enough to produce new religions. Every big city has its groups holding to new religions. Their name is legion.

But where is one that will supercede Xty? Xty has in it the elements of a universal religion. Comparative religion has revealed nothing worth while in other religions that cannot be found in ~~it itself~~ Christianity. Just what does one need to borrow of the other religions to have all there is of of spiritual value?

When we want a better automobile we sometime start a brand new factory and forget about the old makes of cars. But meanwhile the old makes of standard cars are getting better all the time, and the new car must go thru decades of experimentation before it can compete with the tried reliable cars.

The same with Xty. Little changes in religion & getting better all the time.

The need of the day is less tinkering with the machinery of Xty and more will-power to use it. The world is a bit tired of tinkering with religion.

Just take the simple gospel of Jesus Christ and use it- give it a fair trial in every way, and you will find that it will meet every need, spiritual, moral, social, political and ecominic.